

565—51.16(458A) Well spacing. In the absence of an order by the department setting spacing units for a pool, the following shall apply.

51.16(1) *Oil wells.* No more than one well drilled for oil shall be drilled upon any tract of land other than a governmental quarter quarter section or governmental lot corresponding thereto, or, in areas not covered by U.S. public land surveys, an arbitrarily designated 40-acre tract. The well shall not be located closer than 330 feet to any boundary line of the governmental quarter quarter section, governmental lot corresponding thereto, or arbitrarily designated 40-acre tract, nor closer than 660 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool on the same lease or unit. Should governmental quarter quarter section, governmental lot, or arbitrarily designated tract contain less than 36 acres, no well shall be drilled thereon except by special order of the department.

51.16(2) *Gas wells.* Not more than one well shall be drilled for gas upon any tract of land other than a governmental section, or, in areas not covered by U.S. public land surveys, an arbitrarily designated 640-acre tract. The wells shall not be located closer than 1,320 feet to any boundary line of the governmental section or arbitrarily designated 640-acre tract, nor closer than 3,750 feet to the nearest well drilling to or capable of producing from the same pool on the same lease or unit. Should the governmental section or arbitrarily designated tract contain less than 600 acres, no well shall be drilled thereon except by special order of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 458A.